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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION GIVING THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON, D.C. A VOTING REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.

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1 To the Congress of the United States:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, democracy is a birthright for all Americans, including those
4 living in America's capital, Washington, D.C.; and

5 Whereas, law-abiding people should not be taxed without representation;
6 and

7 Whereas, citizens of the District of Columbia pay taxes and have fought
8 and died in wars, yet they lack a representative in Congress who can vote on
9 the many important issues facing our nation; and

10 Whereas, without a vote in Congress, District of Columbia citizens are
11 denied a voice in decisions that affect every aspect of their daily lives,
12 including public health, safety, education, economic policies and home
13 ownership; and

14 Whereas, Americans should be represented in their national legislature
15 by an individual who has the right to vote and to represent their interests
16 in the United States Congress.

17 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
18 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

19 1. That the Congress of the United States enact legislation increasing
20 the size of the United States House of Representatives to give the citizens
21 of the District of Columbia a voting member.

22 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
23 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
24 the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from
25 the State of Arizona.